

## **NEWS RELEASE**

## OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

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## KC MAN INDICTED FOR DISTRIBUTING CRACK COCAINE

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man was indicted by a federal grand jury today for distributing crack cocaine and illegally possessing ammunition.

**Frederick E. Solomon**, 24, of Kansas City, Mo., was charged in a three-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury today in Kansas City.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Solomon** distributed crack cocaine on Dec. 11, 2003, in Kansas City.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Solomon** possessed with intent to distribute five grams or more of crack cocaine on Dec. 18, 2003, in Kansas City.

Count Three of the federal indictment alleges that **Solomon** was a felon in possession of 14 live rounds of 20-gauge Winchester shotgun shells, three live rounds of 20 gauge Federal shotgun shells and 30 live rounds of Remington bullets on Dec. 18, 2003, in Kansas City. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Solomon** has a 1997 criminal felony conviction for trafficking narcotics, a 1998 criminal felony conviction for trafficking narcotics and a 1998 criminal felony conviction for sale of narcotics.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David DeTar Newbert. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in this indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

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